(Base 1982=100) increased by 3.5 per cent only to 501 (July, 2003) from 484 (August, 2002).

Lockout/retrenchment in private sector

†1812. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lockout and retrenchment in private sector are going on a large scale now-a-days;

(b) if so, the number of persons rendered jobless during the last five years; and

(c) the scheme formulated by Government for retraining and redeployment of these jobless persons?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) The number of persons affected due to lockout and retrenchment, during 1998-2002 in the private sector, as provided by the Labour Bureau, is given *(See* below).

(c) A scheme for "Counseling, Retraining and Redeployment of rationalized workers of Central Public Sector Enterprises" was introduced in 2001 -2002, to enable the rationalized employees of the Central Public Sector Enterprises to avail opportunities of self-employment.

Statement

Number of workers affected due to lockout/retrenchment in the private sector

Year	Lockouts		Retrenchment	
	Number	Workers Involved	Number of Units	Workers Involved
1998	283	110560	115	1698
1999	309	160961	128	1191
2000	305	160634	102	1815
2001	264	135551	115	2184
2002	269	162563	78	3040

Source: Labour Bureau, Shimla.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.